

Trinidadian and Tobagonian English

Trinidadian and Tobagonian English (TE) or **Trinidadian and Tobagonian Standard English** is a dialect of English used in Trinidad and Tobago. TE co-exists with both non-standard varieties of English as well as other dialects, namely Trinidadian Creole in Trinidad and Tobagonian Creole in Tobago. Both islands as one consider the dialect as Trinbagonian Creole.

Trinidadian English was originally based on a standard of British English, including having a non-rhotic accent. Located in the Americas, TE now uses many Americanisms, including *apartment* and *trunk* (of a car). It is understandable by speakers of international standard English, although it uses a number of terms that are unique to it (perhaps coming from Trinidadian Creole), such as "to lime", meaning "to hang out". Speech in Trinidad (and, to some degree, in Tobago) may vary by location and circumstance and is often remarked for its "sing-song" (i.e. a rising and falling inflection) intonation.

See also

- Regional accents of English speakers

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Region	Trinidad and Tobago
Language family	Indo-European Germanic West Germanic Ingvaeonic Anglo–Frisian English Caribbean English Trinidadian and Tobagonian English
Early forms	Old English Middle English Early Modern English
Dialects	Trinidadian English Creole Tobagonian English Creole
Writing system	Latin (English alphabet) Unified English Braille^[1]
Official status	
Official language in	 Trinidad and Tobago (<i>de facto</i>)
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	–
Glottolog	<i>None</i>
IETF	en-TT

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External links

- A Trinidadian accent (<https://web.archive.org/web/20071123064705/http://classweb.gmu.edu/accents/english31.html>)
- Discussion of a paper by Lise Winer (<https://web.archive.org/web/20070218032241/http://www.hawaii.edu/satocenter/pace/3-publications.htm>)
- An Ethnolinguistic Study of the Trinidadian Creole community in Flatbush, Brooklyn (<http://www.nyu.edu/classes/blake.map2001/trinidad.html>) by Keisha T. Lindsay and Justine Bolusi
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